

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action, the Examiner noted that the Japanese priority document had not been filed, set forth the interpretation of two dependent claims and rejected a number of the claims in the application. The Examiner only objected to claims 2, 7, 8, 14 and 20 and indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By the present Amendment, editorial revisions have been made in the specification. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 2 and claim 2 has accordingly been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Since all the claims now of record depend from amended claim 1 and since the Japanese priority document has concurrently been filed herewith, applicant respectfully submits that all matters have been resolved and accordingly request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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